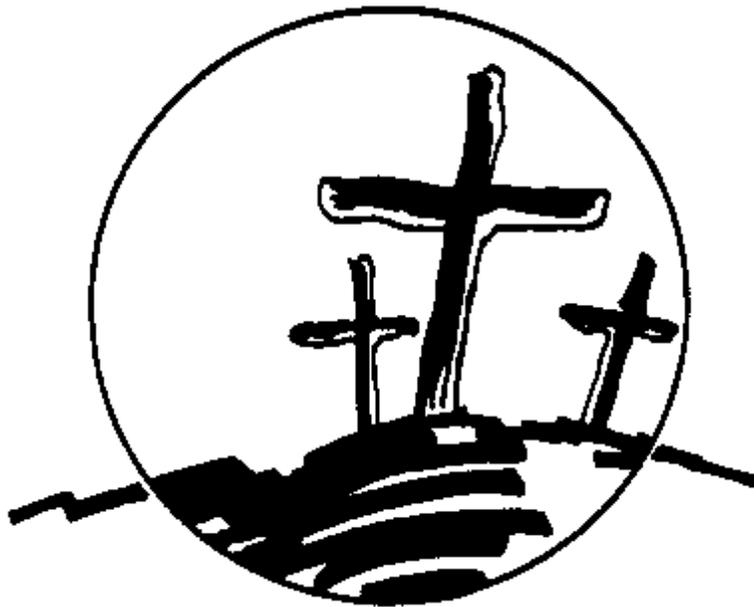


Behold the Darkness

A Tenebrae Service

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Saint Paul's Lutheran Church
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(Please rise and face the back of the Sanctuary.)

The Procession of the Christ Candle

P Jesus Christ, the Light of the world,

C Lord, have mercy.

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P Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith,

C **who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

Confession and Forgiveness

P Lord God, You saved the first Israelites through the blood of the Egyptians' firstborn sons.

C **Save us and help us also, we humbly implore You, O Lord.**

P We adore You, Lord Jesus, in Your cross and Passion, which You have brought life and joy into the world through Your suffering and death.

C **Be gracious to us according to Your mercy and bless us. Shine the light of Your face on us and give us Your peace.**

P Gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God,
C **at this hour You bore our sins in Your own body on the tree so that we, being dead to sin, might live for righteousness. Have mercy on us now and at the hour of our death and give us a holy and peaceful life in this world and through Your grace eternal glory in the life to come, where, with, the Father and the Holy Spirit, You live and rule, God forever. Amen.**

P Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
C **have mercy on us.**

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P Jesus, the Lamb of God, has taken away the sins of the world. By the command of Christ and the power of his death, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Congregation may be seated.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray: Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

The Offering

“And No Bird Sang”

Chancel Choir

The Setting of the Shadow

P On this night, we remember that Christ, the Lamb of God, was betrayed, given over to his enemies, mocked, beaten, and finally crucified. All of this...for you. All of this...for me. Listen now and be reminded of how great a gift of love he offers us.

Musical Interlude

The Shadow of Betrayal (Matthew 26:20-25)

P ²⁰When it was evening, he reclined at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating, he said, “Truly, I say to you, one of you will betray me.” ²²And they were very sorrowful and began to say to him one after another, “Is it I, Lord?” ²³He answered, “He who has dipped his hand in the dish with me will betray me. ²⁴The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that man if he had not been born.” ²⁵Judas, who would betray him, answered, “Is it I, Rabbi?” He said to him, “You have said so.”

After the reading, the first candle is extinguished.

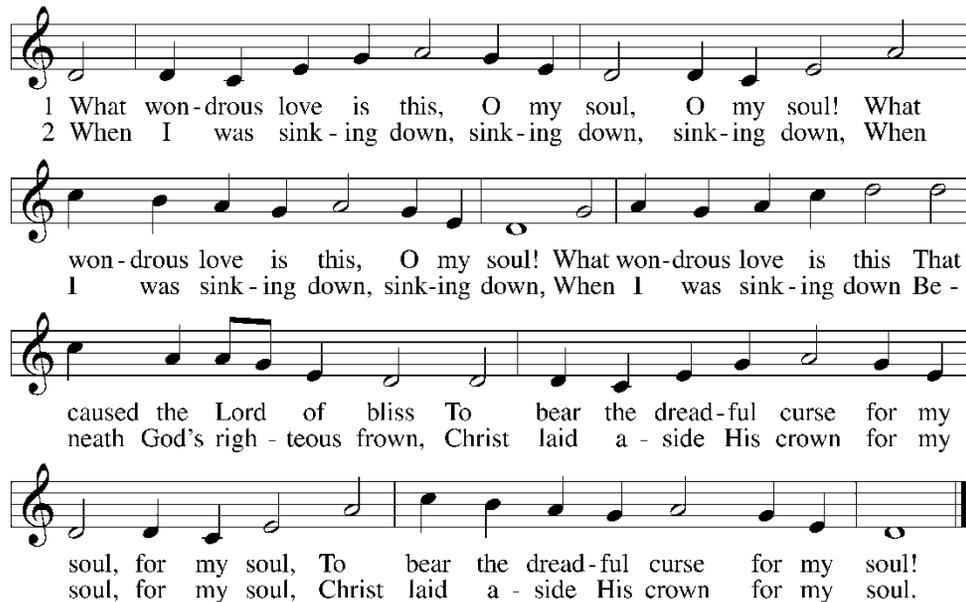
The Shadow of Desertion (Matthew 26:31-35)

P ³¹Then Jesus said to them, “You will all fall away because of me this night. For it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.’ ³²But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.” ³³Peter answered him, “Though they all fall away because of you, I will never fall away.” ³⁴Jesus said to him, “Truly, I tell you, this very night, before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times.” ³⁵Peter said to him, “Even if I must die with you, I will not deny you!” And all the disciples said the same.

After the reading, the second candle is extinguished.



Congregational Hymn "What Wondrous Love is This" LSB 543



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.

The Shadow of Lethargy (Mark 14:32-41)

P ³²And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. ³⁴And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch." ³⁵And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." ³⁷And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. ⁴¹And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

After the reading, the third candle is extinguished.

Chancel Choir "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

The Shadow of Violence (Matthew 26:47-52)

P ⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword.

After the reading, the fourth candle is extinguished.

Chancel Choir "Ah, Holy Jesus"

The Shadow of Denial (Luke 22:54-62)

P ⁵⁴Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest's house, and Peter was following at a distance. ⁵⁵And when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat down among them. ⁵⁶Then a servant girl, seeing him as he sat in the light and looking closely at him, said, "This man also was with him." ⁵⁷But he denied it, saying, "Woman, I do not know him." ⁵⁸And a little later someone else saw him and said, "You also are one of them." But Peter said, "Man, I am not." ⁵⁹And after an interval of about an hour still another insisted, saying, "Certainly this man also was with him, for he too is a Galilean." ⁶⁰But Peter said, "Man, I do not know what you are talking about." And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. ⁶¹And the Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the saying of the Lord, how he had said to him, "Before the rooster crows today, you will deny me three times." ⁶²And he went out and wept bitterly.

After the reading, the fifth candle is extinguished.

The Shadow of Cynicism (John 18:33-38)

P ³³So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." ³⁷Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate said to him, "What is truth?"

After the reading, the sixth candle is extinguished.

Chancel Choir "O Love Divine"

The Shadow of Irresponsibility (Matthew 27:20-26)

P ²⁰Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and destroy Jesus. ²¹The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." ²²Pilate said to them, "Then what shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?" They all said, "Let him be crucified!" ²³And he said, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!" ²⁴So when Pilate saw that he was gaining nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." ²⁵And all the people answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" ²⁶Then he released for them Barabbas, and having scourged Jesus, delivered him to be crucified.

After the reading, the seventh candle is extinguished.

The Shadow of Mockery (Mark 15:16-20)

P ¹⁶And the soldiers led him away inside the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters), and they called together the whole battalion. ¹⁷And they clothed him in a purple cloak, and twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on him. ¹⁸And they began to salute him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" ¹⁹And they were striking his head with a reed and spitting on him and kneeling down in homage to him. ²⁰And when they had mocked him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. And they led him out to crucify him.

After the reading, the eighth candle is extinguished.

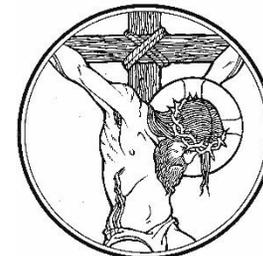
Congregational Hymn

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

- 1 O sacred Head, now wounded,
With grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded
With thorns, Thine only crown.
How pale Thou art with anguish,
With sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
Which once was bright as morn!

- 3 What language shall I borrow
To thank Thee, dearest Friend,
For this Thy dying sorrow,
Thy pity without end?
O make me Thine forever!
And should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never,
Outlive my love for Thee.

Extinguishing of the Christ Candle



Congregational Hymn

"Were You There?"

LSB 456



1 Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Were you
2 Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree? Were you
3 Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb? Were you



there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord? Oh . . .
there when they nailed Him to the tree? Oh . . .
there when they laid Him in the tomb? Oh . . .



Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
Some - times it caus - es me to trem - ble, trem - ble, trem - ble.
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Were you there when they cru - ci - fied my Lord?
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

The Prophecy of the Resurrection (Mark 8:31)

- P** ³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Chancel Choir

"It Is Finished"

The Responsive Prayer

- P** For the gift and grace of Jesus Christ, our Savior
C **we give thanks.**
P For the blessing and breadth of God's great love toward us
C **we give thanks.**
P For the challenge and comfort of the cross
C **we give thanks.**

- P** For the power and presence of his abiding Spirit
C **we give thanks.**

The Sanctuary Lights are Dimmed

The Nailing of the Cross

Moment of Silence

The Benediction

The Christ Candle is reignited.

- P** As we depart in darkness, may the light of hope continue to shine in our hearts.

Chancel Choir

"Behold the Savior"

The Altar Book is Slammed

Please Prayerfully Depart in Silence



Participating in Today's Service

Narrator: Pastor Burns

Jesus: David Glauvitz

Judas: Tom Hanna

Pilate: Tim Gamrath

Peter: Jason Voss

Servant Girl: Esther Burns

Man 1: Ethan Burns

Man 2: Darren Slack

Acolyte: Grace Voss

Torch Bearer: Zach Burns

Join us on Easter Sunday

Easter Sunrise Service

April 1, 2018

6:30am

Easter Breakfast

April 1, 2018

7:30am

Easter Communion Service

April 1, 2018

9:30am